



Fire Update

For Immediate Release

**Annabella
Fire,**
Fishlake National
Forest, Ut

June 11, 2006

Fire Information Center: 208-850-9046
801-558-8016

Web site Info: www.utahfireinfo.gov

Fire Facts

Date Started: June 7, 2006

Location: Cove Mountain, 7 miles southeast of Richfield

Percent Contained: 0%

Number of Personnel: 4 type 2 crews, 5 Type 1 IHC,

Equipment: 2 Dozers, 5 Engines

Structure Lost: None

Cause of Ignition: Lightning

Size: 660 acres

Estimated Time of Containment: na

Aircraft: 1 Type 1 Helicopter, 1 Type 3 Helicopter

Cost to date: Approx. 150K

Injuries: None

Type 1 Management Team Arrives on Annabella Fire

Richfield Ut.---Management of the Annabella Fire was transferred to a Great Basin National Type 1 Incident Management Team at 7:00 am today. Suppression resources are continuing to arrive at the Incident Command Post (ICP) and are being redeployed to a spike camp location closer to the fire. This will shorten travel time for the fire fighters and minimize driving on mountain roads. Getting fire fighters closer to the fire makes better use of their time and increases firefighter safety.

The Annabella Fire was being managed in a confined strategy due to rough terrain and concerns for fire fighter safety. The fire has now moved to an area where direct suppression activities can occur and plans are in place to contain and control it. This means the use of people, dozers, aircraft and engines to limit the growth of the fire and protect resources at risk.

Today's Fire Activity: The fire continues to smolder in mixed conifers and assorted under story with occasional flare ups. Low fuel moistures, rough terrain, and a large amount of standing snags slow suppression activities. Predicted warm weather with red flag warnings for wind and low humidity will increase the chances of increased fire activity.

A structure protection group will be assessing structures in the area in order to plan protection actions if they are required.

Tomorrow's Planned Activity: Resources will continue to construct fireline in order to contain the fire.

Other Important Messages: There is no official road closure but Forest Service officials ask that the public limit their travel on the Cove mountain road. There is an increase of fire equipment driving on the road and conditions are dusty. If you do not have to be there please stay out the area for the public and fire fighter safety.

The weather is hot and the forest is extremely dry. Caution should be used by all those using public lands during all outdoor activities.

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